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EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA, FEBRUARY, 1951

The Commonwealth Statistician has issued a preliminary statement relating to employment in Australia during the month of February, 1951, with corresponding figures for earlier months. Detailed statistics on all groups mentioned below will appear shortly in the usual monthly Bulletin.

Monthly records of employment referred to in this statement relate to all wage and salary earners except those in rural industry and female private domestic service, and therefore cover about 90 per cent. of all wage and salary earners in employment. Figures quoted are subject to revision.

Particulars of wage and salary earners in employment in Australia, according to main industrial groups, are shown in the following table for the months of February, 1950 and January and February, 1951.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA
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Month	Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups								Total
	Mining and Quarrying	Factor- ies	Build- ing and Constr- uction	Transport and Commu- nication	Retail Trade	Other Commerce and Finance	Profess- ional and Personal Services	Other	

M A L E S

Feb. 1950	54.0	647.6	189.3	287.4	127.0	177.3	171.5	180.8	1834.9
Jan. 1951	54.4	666.4	203.4	292.5	129.8	185.6*	172.7	181.9	1886.7*
Feb. 1951	54.9	667.5	206.8	294.5	129.5	186.9	172.8	182.1	1895.0

F E M A L E S

Feb. 1950	0.7	221.7	3.2	38.1	110.8	64.0	209.8	32.3	680.6
Jan. 1951	0.8	226.4	3.5	39.9	118.1	68.6	212.9	33.5	703.7
Feb. 1951	0.8	231.9	3.6	40.4	117.8	70.1	214.2	34.2	713.0

P E R S O N S

Feb. 1950	54.7	869.3	192.5	325.5	237.8	241.3	381.3	213.1	2515.5
Jan. 1951	55.2	892.8	206.9	332.4	247.9	254.2*	385.6	215.4	2590.4*
Feb. 1951	55.7	899.4	210.4	334.9	247.3	257.0	387.0	216.3	2608.0

* Revised.

EMPLOYMENT BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

The number of persons employed in Australia by Public Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, the post office, air transport, education, police, public works, migration, etc., and in administration in February, 1951 was 677,400. There was an increase of 1,200 in the numbers employed by public authorities of the Commonwealth and of 4,700 in those of State and Local Authorities.

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